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ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS, 1902-1903.

WILLIAM HENRY NORRIS, MANCHESTER,
Senior Grand Warden.

JOHN CRAIG DUNLAVY, SIOUX CITY.
Junior Grand Warden.

WILLIS SMITH GARDNER, CLINTON
Grand Master.

ELMER CAMERON ABBEY, GARNER,
Grand Treasurer.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN, CEDAR RAPIDS,
Grand Secretary.

OUR GRAND OFFICERS.

Our first page illustration, this month, gives the portraits of five of the Grand Officers of Iowa Masonry.

Brother Gardner, is a Buckeye; made a Mason in Lodge No. 100, Clinton, Iowa, in 1886; Grand Warden in 1895; Depuly Grand Master in 1898. He's got all the additional degrees and is a Shriner of El Kahir. On June 20, his townsmen of the several Masonic bodies united in a rousing reception. Two stories of the Lamb block were crowded and Willis says he was in the hands of his receivers as never before.

Brother Norris, Senior Grand Warden we have known in the Grand Commandery. He is a Yankee (Mass.) by birth, and a Mason of numerous degrees. Locally he belongs to the Manchester bodies and El Kahir.

Brother Dunlavy, of Sioux City, Junior Grand Warden is a Hawkeye born, a Doctor of Medicine, evidently made a Mason in Kentucky and received the additional degrees and orders in Iowa. He is active in all the bodies at home and his Grand honors are certified through numerously earned honors in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at home.

Brother Abbey, Grand Treasurer, is also a Hawkeye, evidently made a Mason in Iowa—a banker—and eminently fitted for the duties of his office.

Brother Parvin, Grand Secretary, successor to his father, we all know. Some of us know he has ably filled the place he now holds by election, for a number of years during the declining health of his father. Brother Parvin is connected with all the additional degrees and is enthusiastic in his labors for the craft.

BAILEY ON SOLOMON.

BY E. N. BAILEY.

The Masons have bought a stereopticon to use in their initiatory work that is a very fine instrument. Dissolving views of all the prominent scenes and landmarks of Freemasonry are used with good effect. We were especially struck with the view of the building of King Solomon's Temple. The stereopticon view was so clear that you could see old Solomon wink his left eye when he drove his concubines to water. It also shows the rocky chair where Old Hiram sat when he was Tyred, and the pigeon toed Philistine who swatted old Hi just before dinner in the breadbasket with a hunk of mortar in the toe of a sock, is pulling his freight for the tall timber in the distance. This was an awful nice building. Solomon began to build it after he had reigned four years, but it didn't rain any more for seven years except in the night so the men folks could rest. Lots of fellows were employed but some of them didn't work much, they were walking bosses. There were 80,000 dornock chippers who wore sandals, and 70,000 ordinary micks with their bibs turned up and sand cracks under their toes to detect them from impostors. These fellows worked until their socks smelled like limberger cheese. Solomon was an awful smart man and he had a whole lot of knowledge that would be very interesting that he never told, he had so many wives that he didn't dare tell. He had 1356 wives and 2906 lady friends that were all cast hollow and had pomgranates on. One day to satisfy himself who was the principal mother of a certain kid, Solomon was going to slice the kid with a cheese knife to see if a water mark could be found on or about it, but we never heard of his chopping up any kid to find who its father was, he pretty darn near knew who to begin with. He not only worked the women but he worked the men as well. The dornock chippers got their pay every week. He paid them in corn meal, grape nuts and kerosene, but the ordinary micks got the cobs, and credit at the store rather than disgrace, but it was a beautiful building and then the ship of Tarshish brought apes and peacocks, but the stereopticon don't show these. It is a fine machine. Joe Treganza runs it just as he does his disinfector except that the light is in the other end of it and it don't smell so much like a morgue.—*Britt Tribune.*

Among the Lodges.

"THE DECISION WAS UNNECESSARY."

So says the *Mystic Tie* in regard to the question of involuntary non-affiliation; but the respected "M. T." fails to discern the fact that Iowa Masonic law may differ from West Virginia Masonic law, and at the time the above was written it did. The law was amended at Dubuque but requires a period of six months to intervene before a renewal of the application is possible.

LIBRARY ADDITION.

The Grand Lodge trustees on July 17th completed the transfer of the "Hull property," corner First Ave. and Eighth St., to the Grand Lodge Library holdings at an expense of $15,000, which is claimed to be less than its real value by $5,000.

IN BURLINGTON.

To use the words of our friend John Pettibone, "Masonry in Burlington is always substantial." The various bodies are keeping abreast of the times and can always be relied on for duty.

Massachusetts allows membership in more than one lodge at the same time; so does England.

There are no "higher" degrees in Masonry beyond the third—all else may be called "additional."

London, New York and Chicago have "daylight" lodges. We wonder do they have "pink teas" follow the work?

A pleasant visit to the Grand Master found him deep into the intricacies of trying to rule and govern the craft.

Emulation Lodge, Clinton, has raised ten thus far this year. On July 15th we were pleased to witness good work—a raising.

The acting G. M. of Canada urgently recommended the creation of a fund whereby an annuity can be paid to deserving indigent and aged Masons.

In Iowa the Grand Lodge is opened and closed in "ample form," while subordinate lodges open and close in "form." In Pennsylvania lodges open in "ancient form" and close in "harmony."

Antiquity Lodge No. 252, of Moravia, Iowa, celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, in a most elaborate manner. Music, speaking, procession and dinner in the park. The address of the day was delivered by Rev. Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, of Knoxville, Iowa.

The contention between the G. L's. of England, Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands and the Grand Orient of Italy, over that lodge at Johannesburg, S. I., has been settled by the withdrawal of the charter granted by Italy.

The Royal Arch.

"The Nine and Only Nine."

Nine active Royal Arch Masons associated themselves and formed a little band of "Nine and Only Nine" for the purpose of conferring the Degrees of the Chapter, and more especially in those Chapters that may desire their services. Already several of the weaker Chapters in New York and Brooklyn have been benefitted by the visits of the mystic Nine. They have elected a presiding officer who is called the Pantatta, a vice who is the Satrap, a Schatzmeister and a Schraapen, four officers and five members. Four against five and five against four. Only past high priests are eligible.

A peculiar code of by-laws has been adopted which can "never be amended or altered." One of them says: "There shall be no objection to anybody or anything in the association, any member who 'kicks' shall be expelled without trial." This insures perfect harmony. Another excellent regulation is that honorary members not exceeding nine "may be elected at the annual meeting who shall have no vote or voice in the affairs of the association, but are permitted to pay all expenses of the nine." This prevents an undue rush for the honorary membership. Many other very wise provisions are embodied in this unique code of laws, and the nine are a very happy lot of Royal Arch Masons.—*Standard.*

Beyond the fact that the next Grand Convocation approaches (Oct. 9, 1902) and that Cedar Rapids will take good care of visitors when they come, we have no tidings further.

From Bro. H. C. Luck, the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of England (Queensland), held in Brisbrane, Dec. 4, 1901.

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THE GOOD MEN OF THE CHURCH.

Young's Magazine for June comes to us with the above title and article marked but we cannot find any reason for even a quotation therefrom. The words, "Good brothers with the spittle of the words of the bible in their mouths, insulted their brothers in religion and in the fraternity of Masonic degrees with such venom and hate of words that not a single paper in Texas would print the report for fear of libel," conveys no information of value as we care nothing about the sectarian squabble over a denominational scramble for government funds.

WATERLOO LETTER.

BRO. GEIGER:—Since January 1, 1902, Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, has raised 21 and admitted 15; Tabernacle Chapter, No. 32, has exalted 27 and admitted 5; organized a Council of Royal and Select Masters and initiated about 25.

Ascalon Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar has knighted 15 and admitted 4; Waterloo Chapter, No. 128, O. E. S. has initiated 35 and admitted 3.

So you see we are not entirely dead Masonically speaking.

Fraternally,
P. J. MARTIN.

Shriners should read the "Short History" commenced in this number.

The man who presented his "Candidate's Card" at Grand Lodge don't seem to be in it at present.

What do we care whether the craft first began work in Massachusetts or in Pennsylvania, they got there.

Self-seekers may climb up and for a little while seem to be all there are, but no man can "roost higher than he can fly."

Sam Briggs, of Cleveland, is now the "Registrar" of all the Scottish Rite bodies in Cleveland. Unser Sam is bound to be in it.

It is a step forward for the Grand Lodge to have given relief to the involuntary non-affiliate; now let them protect the unavoidable unaffiliate by removing him from where he is wrongfully placed.

Commanderies.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS.

Grand Commander, F. W. Craig, Des Moines.

Deputy Grand Commander, J. W. Wells, Marshalltown.

Generalissimo, William Weldon, Iowa Falls.

Captain General, S. I. Williams, Charles City.

Senior Warden, W. T. Mollison, Ottumwa.

Junior Warden, C. W. Walton, Dubuque.

Prelate, F. L. Loveland, Vinton.

Treasurer, J. B. Atkins, Council Bluffs.

Recorder, D. M. Brownlee, Sioux City.

Standard Bearer, S. S. Lytle, Iowa City.

Sword Bearer, Geo. Wambach, Webster City.

Warder, H. H. Race, Red Oak.

Captain of the Guard, A. N. Alberson, Washington.

The Rocky Mountain News does the local fraters of Denver no credit by sending marked copies with the "yellow" heading to an article reading "Templars

May Refuse to Meet in Frigid Frisco." Call that sort of stuff off.

A new wing is to be added to the apartment building.

Te expect next month to give the portrait of Grand Commander Craig.

A Triennial committee was raised so as to be in time, we presume, for 1904.

A notable visitor this year at Grand Commandery was General John Corson Smith, of Chicago, a most distinguished Masonic scholar and traveler.

An important local case of suspension from Commandery because of being dropped from a lodge roll was remanded and the Sir Knight ordered restored to his former standing.

The Eastern Star.

OUR WOODWARD LETTER.

The A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 454, held a banquet in their new Temple, Thursday, April 17, 1902. A program was given. The exercises of the evening commenced with a prayer by Rev. Hall, Chaplain, followed by a sketch by G. H. Lamson on Masonry. The Woodward Male Quartette gave a number of selections and Miss Eva Parks sang a solo. Miss Diva Naiden gave a reading after which an excellent supper was served by the Masons' wives and the Eastern Star ladies. Miss Diva Naiden presided at the Frapp Bowl.

The hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of the Eastern Star and was highly commended. There were about 150 present. A very pleasant time was had by all present and we went home feeling that such gatherings benefit us in many ways.

Madrid Eastern Star Chapter, No. 160, sent out invitations to Woodward and Perry Chapters to take part in a banquet given April 1st, 1902. Fourteen from Woodward and two from Perry were present. There were about 80 present in all. A lovely supper was served by the Eastern Star ladies. Toasts were given by quite a number and A. M. McCall, of Woodward, was the poet laureate of the evening.

We received a letter from Sister Emma L. Evans, Pidigen, P. I., April 9, 1902. It would seem that the Eastern Stars twinkle everywhere.

Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, has not been sleeping for it has raised eight to the sublime degree of Master Mason since January 1st, and several more are on the way. Truly a fire is not always to be regretted as it has awakened our brethren out of their lethargy.

We called upon James Husted, on Wednesday of last week and presented him with the Free Mason and Fez. Mr. Husted will be 95 the 31st of July and can read without glasses. He wore glasses for more than 40 years and now has his second sight and can read the finest of print.

AN EASTERN STAR.

Get ready for a grand time at Oskaloosa, October 22.

Subscribe for this paper if you want the "Short History" complete.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated. JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

CHARLES C. GILMAN DEAD.

By the hand of Sir I. T. Forbes we received a copy of the Marshalltown paper in which the announcement was made that Charles Gilman had passed away in Chicago on July 10th.

RETURNING PILGRIMS.

So far as we know all the Pilgrims to San Francisco have returned safely to their *oases*.

The most elaborate notice of any divan has been in *Masonic Standard* about "Jimmie McGees" Imperial Special of New York. There were 228 of them.

Now *Acacia* larups the "committee" of Sesostris Temple for failing to make the reception of Imperial Potentate Akin what it should be. Who's it?

The Rocky Mountain News sets the Californians down as chilly while the Peoria *Masonic News* says: "The returning nobles speak in the highest

terms of the California Shriners as entertainers." Now where did the El Jebelians go in S. F.?

Acacia says the Sesostris Pilgrims to San Francisco report having had a good time. Where did the El Jebelians get the idea that Charlie Field's people are chilly.

Charles E. Fink, Recorder of Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, was married July 16th and Mecca's big four gave them a silver ladle. Congratulations, Illustrious Recorder.

The Nobility of Tangier welcomed the Imperial Potentate to Omaha with clash of cymbals, whirl of Dervishes and speeches of hearty welcome and congratulation on his return from San Francisco.

The ElKahir party, twenty-seven in all, have succeeded in stealing in unnoticed, though all having round-trip tickets, they cannot be said to have come home broke—*only woefully twisted.*

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

In August, 1899, we began the publication of a series of articles on the history of this Order, but from unavoidable conditions were compelled to discontinue them. We now find ourselves in better position to maintain the continuous publication at greater or less length in each issue of this journal.

CHAPTER I.

Mecca Temple, of New York City, being the "Mother Temple" of the Order in North America, to her we look for some record of events leading up to the institution in this country.

The characteristic features of all "Ancient" Orders is that they cannot be said to be founded by any particular man, nor at any particular period of time, being rather a growth and development through the centuries.

To avoid assuming too much for granted we will consider this first chapter as devoted to the traditional history of the Mystic Shrine.

The Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was instituted by Kalif Alee, cousin Germain and son-in-law of Mohammed, in the year of the Hegira 25, (A. D. 644), at Mecca in Arabia, as an inquisition or vigilance committee to dispense justice and to execute punishment upon criminals who had escaped the measure of suffering to which the founders of this Order believed that they should endure. That it was a success goes without saying. The original intention was to form a band of men of sterling worth, who would without fear or favor, finding a valid accusation, try, judge and execute within the hour—having taken the precautions of secrecy and security.

In the above quotation our readers must not take this as an indication that the incidental conditions of the system of speedy trials and executions, as practiced in our western civilization, by the courts and Judge Lynch, were derived from this more ancient practice of law, for be it remembered, so closely had the secrets of the Order been guarded, that though our ancestors offered immense bribes and costly presents, none ever succeeded until our own Illustrious Noble Florence charmed the oriental mind with his wit and dramatic lore, did the sacred rolls unfurl and surrender to the new west the treasures of the Kaaba. The Nobles perfected their organization, and did such prompt and efficient work that they excited alarm, and even consternation in the hearts of evil doers in all countries under the star and crescent.

The order is yet one of the most highly favored among the many secret societies which abound in oriental countries, and gathers around its shrines a select few of the best educated and cultured classes. Their ostensible object is to increase the faith and fidelity of all true believers in Allah (whose name be exalted)! The secret and real purpose can only be made known to those who have encircled the Mystic Shrine according to the instructions in "The Book of Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council."

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Waterloo, June 2, 1903.

W. S. GARDNER.....Clinton.....GRAND MASTER
N. R. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretray

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.), Little Rock, Ark., 1903,
Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 9, 1902.
T. B. LACEY.....Council Bluffs.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.

General Grand (U. S.)
Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Oct. 10, 1902.
W F. CLEVELAND.....Harlan..... M. P. G. M
Alf. Wingate .....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July. 8, 1902.
F. W. CRAIG.....DesMoines.....GRAND COMMANDER
D. M. BROWNLEE.Sioux City.....Grand Recorder

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General Grand (U. S.) Sept. 27, 1904.
Iowa, Oct. 22, 1902, Oskaloosa.
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W. H. Wray.....Oskaloosa.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Secretary

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Imperial Council, San Francisco, Cal., June 10, 1902.
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Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

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From E. Sir Frederick Speed the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi for 1902.

From R. W. Bro. Charles Qualesby, Grand Secretary, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

From the Palestine Lodge (Secretary), Detroit, Mich., their neat directory, showing a total membership of 765.

From Magnus L. Robinson, of Alexandria, Imperial Recorder of the Negro Mystic Shrine, some valuable documents.

Ismalia Temple's Year Book, sent us by the Recorder, Charles E. Markham, Buffalo, N. Y., is a charming little keepsake.

From R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Sime, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, we have the abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The Historical Report of the Kansas Masonic Home is a convincing argument in favor of such an institution. "God bless our Homes."

We have a cordial invitation to attend the 89th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York, at Saratoga Springs, Sept. 9, 1902.

From Grand Secretary H. B. Grant, Louisville, Proceedings Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1901. More than of common value for its early Masonic history from which we shall quote in future.

And "here's to his Imperial Highness," Henry C. Akin, of Omaha, our Imperial Leader for 1902-3.

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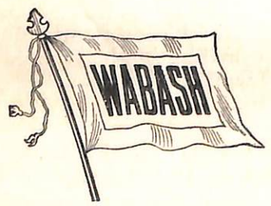

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Yellowstone Park

has been the scene of great improvement within recent years. The roads have been shortened, resurfaced, grades much reduced, new concrete bridges built, and sprinkling carts introduced. The old hotels have been repainted, repaired and enlarged, a new one has been erected at Norris geyser basin overlooking the geysers, a tent hotel camp has been established at the Upper geyser basin near Old Faithful Geyser, and the government has put in a new system of water works and reservoirs at Mammoth Hot Springs.

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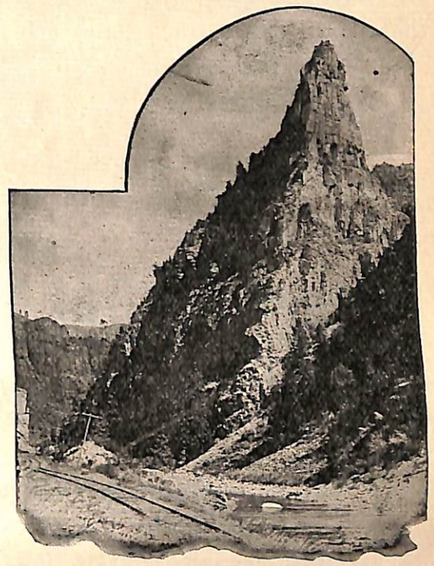

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